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### SACRAMENTO UPDATE

#### Executive Summary

This memorandum contains reports on the following:

- **Pursuit of County Position to Oppose SB 1472 (Mendoza).** This measure would expand the board of directors of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority from 14 to 16 members by adding two members, appointed by the Legislature, who do not reside in the same city as another member of the board. Therefore, unless otherwise directed by the Board, consistent with existing policy to oppose legislation which would expand the membership of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board of Directors, **the Sacramento advocates will oppose SB 1472.**
- **Status of County-Advocacy Legislation**
  - **County-supported SB 93 (De León and Lara)** - related to funding for the cleanup and assessment of properties contaminated by Exide, passed the Senate Floor on April 18, 2016.
  - **Legislation of County Interest.** A report on a measure related to permitting a board of supervisors to publish a recommended budget as an alternative to approving a recommended budget.

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### **Pursuit of County Position on Legislation**

**SB 1472 (Mendoza)**, which as amended on April 11, 2016 would: 1) expand the board of directors of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) to 16 members by adding two members that reside in the County of Los Angeles, one member appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly and one member appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; and 2) prohibit these members from residing in the same city as another member of the authority.

Existing law creates the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority with specified powers and duties relative to transportation planning, programming, and operations in the County of Los Angeles. The authority is governed by a 14-member board of directors, including the Mayor of the City of Los Angeles, two public members and one Los Angeles city council member appointed by the mayor, four members appointed from the other cities in the county, the five members of the board of supervisors, and one non-voting member appointed by the Governor.

According to the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee analysis, the author of SB 1472 states that this measure would ensure that the distribution of Metro board members fairly represents the entire County of Los Angeles by adding two public members who reside in a city other than those already represented by sitting board members. The author indicates that this would improve the ability to develop a regional transit plan that meets the needs of all County residents.

SB 1472 is substantially similar to **County-opposed AB 1941 of 2014**, which as introduced, would have expanded Metro's board to 16 members by adding members appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly and the Senate Committee on Rules. That measure was later amended to provide that Metro's board would consist of an unspecified number of members, including an unspecified number of public members appointed by the Mayor of the City of Los Angeles and an unspecified number of members appointed from other cities in the County. AB 1941 died in the Assembly Local Government Committee in April 2014 without being heard.

This office opposes SB 1472. Therefore, unless otherwise directed by the Board, consistent with existing policy to oppose legislation which would expand the membership of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board of Directors, **the Sacramento advocates will oppose SB 1472.**

SB 1472 will be heard in the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee on April 19, 2016. Currently, there is no support or opposition on file for this measure.

### **Status of County-Advocacy Legislation**

**County-supported SB 93 (De León and Lara)**, which as amended on April 6, 2016, would transfer \$176.6 million from the State General Fund to the Department of Toxic Substances for activities related to the cleanup and assessment of properties contaminated by Exide, passed the Senate Floor by a vote of 39 to 0 on April 18, 2016, and it now proceeds to the Governor. SB 93 is an urgency measure, and it will be effective immediately when signed by the Governor.

### **Legislation of County Interest**

**SB 1315 (Bates)**, which as amended on April 7, 2016, would give a county board of supervisors the option to publish a recommended budget by May 30 of each year, in lieu of adopting a recommended county budget, if the board adopts a final budget by June 30.

Existing law requires counties to follow a two-step process when adopting an annual budget, in which a board of supervisors must: 1) approve a recommended budget by June 30; and 2) adopt a final budget by October 2. The fiscal year for counties begins on July 1 of each year. If a final county budget is not approved before the start of a fiscal year, a recommended budget provides interim authority for county spending until a final budget is approved. SB 1315 would leave unchanged the current requirement that a recommended budget be presented to the public at a publicly-noticed hearing before a board of supervisors can adopt a final version.

The Chief Executive Office (CEO)-Budget and Operations branch reports that the County's practice has been to adopt a final budget prior to the start of each new fiscal year. Therefore, CEO-Budget and Operations and the Auditor-Controller concur that implementation of the alternative budget process proposed in SB 1315 would have no material operational impact to the County.

SB 1315 is supported by Orange County, the California State Association of Counties, and Urban Counties of California. The bill has no opposition on file. This measure passed the Senate Floor by a vote of 37 to 0 on April 14, 2016, and it now proceeds to the Assembly.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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